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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/807,464	ROSS, GRAHAM	
	Examiner Vincent P. Barth	Art Unit 2877	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 28 Jan. 2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15.
3. The drawings filed on 22 March 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Preliminary Comments

1. Applicant's Terminal Disclaimer filed on 28 Jan. 2005 has placed the Application in a condition for allowance as written. The Terminal Disclaimer filed on 28 Jan. 2005 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration date of Ross, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,788,406 (7 Sept. 2004) has been reviewed and is accepted. The Terminal Disclaimer has been recorded. Accordingly, the following represents a reasoned statement for allowability.

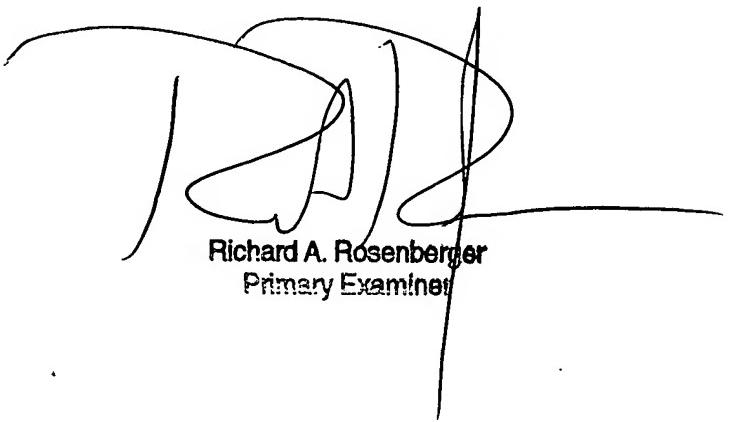
Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-15 are allowable, since the prior art references, either considered alone or in combination, do not disclose or render obvious the limitations set forth therein.

3. Referring to Claim 1, the prior art references, either considered alone or in combination, do not disclose or render obvious the limitations whereby an optical inspection device comprises and image receiving unit, an elongated assembly extending from the image receiving unit, an image receiving aperture disposed on the distal end of the elongated assembly, wherein the elongated assembly is dimensioned to position the image receiving aperture adjacent to an object to be inspected, and wherein the distal end of the elongated assembly does not comprise a lens, in combination with the remaining limitations in the claim. Claims 2-15 are allowable based on their dependency upon the claim from which each is dependent.

CONCLUSION

4. Applicants' Claims 1-15 are allowed based on the reasons set forth above.
5. Any inquiries concerning this communication from the Examiner should be directed to Vincent P. Barth, whose telephone number is 571-272-2410, and who may be ordinarily reached from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The official fax number for communications to the group is 703-872-9306.
6. If attempts to reach the Examiner prove unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor is Gregory J. Toatley, Jr., who may be reached at 571-272-2800, ext. 77.
7. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



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